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Walter Hallstein came to the house at 9:00 o'clock this morning and gave me the following letter from the Chancellor:

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Hallstein is not sanguine over the possibility of his making much progress with Maurice Schumann on the Saar. I told him I did not think he need be over-pessimistic. I had talked to Schumann last week and believed he might be able to settle satisfactorily the important questions of the powers of the Saar Commissioner and the eventual responsibility to a European Political Community. Hallstein said the Germans would be willing to take a chance that such a Community would eventually come into being. As to the economic features, he will explore what Schumann really has in mind and get in touch with me later today.

Margaret Biddle came to see me at the office. She wants to be away from Paris for a couple of weeks writing articles in other parts of Europe. I told her it seemed to me an absence during the French parliamentary vacation, which will last from today until May 5, would provide her with a suitable occasion for activities other than those concerning the French scene.

The Chambers, Foxy Sefton, and Kay de Trafford came to lunch.

Freddie Reinhardt called on me this afternoon and I told him of my talk with Alphand last night about Gruenther's alleged desire to keep Juin in his NATO command. Al is in England, and Freddie will talk to him upon his return.

We went to a pleasant dinner tonight at the Granards'. Masses of people but little political talk. Jacques Fourcade told me he understood that Grandval, the present Ambassador to the Saar, would succeed General Guillaume as Resident General in Morocco. This appointment, if true, will cause many heartburnings amongst French political leaders who have coveted it.